

Republicans have severely undermined the effectiveness of this vital program that helps people who have lost their jobs due to trade.

TAA has had bipartisan support for fifty years. There are workers in all 50 states who received assistance under this legislation. TAA ensures that we support American workers when their jobs are shipped overseas. It provides these workers training for new jobs, health coverage and assistance with their job search.

The 2009 reforms brought TAA into a new era so that service sector workers could also benefit from the program. This improved program allowed workers who lost their jobs to China or India, and not just countries with which we have a Free Trade Agreement, to benefit from the program. It also expanded the health coverage tax credit to 80% from 65% of premium costs and granted an extra 26 weeks of income support for workers in training.

In just the last eighteen months, over 400,000 workers qualified for benefits under the TAA program, and nearly 27,000 of them are in California. Nearly half of those workers qualified under the provisions adopted in 2009. These new, expanded benefits have now expired because of Republican inaction.

The Republican majority is focused on cutting \$100 billion from the budget, voting on Patriot Act wiretaps, and taking away health care from millions of Americans. What they aren't doing is helping workers. By allowing the 2009 TAA reforms to expire, the Republicans have once again demonstrated that their priorities are out of line with the needs of ordinary Americans.

We owe it to these hundreds of thousands of workers to support them when their job moves overseas. I urge the Republican leaders of Congress to bring an extension of Trade and Globalization Adjustment Assistance Act of 2009 to the floor as quickly as possible.

INTRODUCING LEGISLATION TO
AMEND THE INTERNAL REVENUE
CODE OF 1986 TO MODIFY THE IN-
CENTIVES FOR THE PRODUCTION
OF BIODIESEL

HON. MAZIE K. HIRONO

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation that extends to the end of

2016 the \$1.00 per gallon biodiesel tax credit and the additional \$0.10 per gallon tax credit to small agri-biodiesel producers. Extending the biodiesel tax credit for another five years will provide the certainty and stability in the marketplace that is needed to encourage companies to invest in the development and production of biodiesel.

Companies throughout the United States have emerged as pioneers in this growing renewable energy sector. The founder of Hawaii's Pacific Biodiesel observed that large quantities of used cooking oil were going directly to a local landfill and proposed converting this restaurant waste into biodiesel in order to fuel the landfill's generators. This is but one example of how an innovative idea can turn a problem into a solution. By producing a more sustainable and environmentally friendly fuel, companies like this one have helped Hawaii—the most oil-dependent state in the country—become more energy self-sufficient. In addition, producers like these not only diversify our domestic energy portfolio but also boost our local economies by creating jobs for biodiesel production and distribution as well as for feedstock farming and collection.

President Obama noted in his recent State of the Union speech that he supports incentives to invest in and develop the biofuels industry in order to break our country's dependence on oil. This legislation takes us a step forward to achieving that goal.

INTENT TO OFFER AN
AMENDMENT ON H.R. 1

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time during the debate on H.R. 1, the Full Year Continuing Appropriations Act, I plan to offer the following amendment to amend Page 303 of H.R. 1 by striking lines 3 through 9 and inserting the attached language.

This amendment would fully restore all funding to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) that H.R. 1 aims to eliminate. A portion of this funding would provide CPB with the funds necessary to assist with the transition to digital broadcasting, provide for the costly infrastructure and maintenance that connects

rural to urban, and assist with radio interconnection.

RECOGNIZING THE GENESEE DISTRICT LIBRARY'S BLACK HISTORY MONTH BRUNCH

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 14, 2011

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the Genesee District Library as it celebrates the 10th Annual Black History Month Brunch on Saturday, February 19th in Grand Blanc Michigan.

Proceeds from the Brunch help fund the Genesee District Library's Summer Reading Program. The Library operates this program at its 19 locations with 5,000 young people participating. This year the program will feature renowned gospel singer, Vickie Winans, and jazz recording artist Randy Scott.

The Genesee District Library will also present six individuals from Genesee County with the Award of Excellence. These individuals have made significant contributions to the community and provide inspiration to future generations. These individuals are: Dr. George Ross, a Flint Northern High School graduate who is the first African-American President of Central Michigan University; former state representative and educator, Genesee County Commissioner Brenda J. Clack; Floyd Clack, former state representative and educator, currently an Eastern Michigan University Regent; Samuel Cox, owner and operator of three area McDonalds Restaurants; Dr. Reginald G. Flynn, pastor of Foss Avenue Baptist Church and community activist; and Judge Tracy Collier-Nix of the 68th District Court and the second African-American female to join the Genesee District Bar Association.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Genesee District Library for showcasing Black History Month through its recognition of these outstanding citizens and providing a nurturing environment for all generations to contemplate new ideas, discover new skills, encounter new cultures, and develop the enthusiasm to work for a brighter tomorrow.